

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 722 - HB 940

March 21, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (006208): Enacts *Abrial's Law, the Keeping Children Safe from Family Violence Act*. Establishes provisions governing child custody proceedings in which alleged domestic abuse, child abuse, or child sexual abuse is an issue under consideration. Requires all judges involved in child custody proceedings to complete at least two hours per year, or ten hours per five years, of training or continuing education courses on domestic violence or child abuse. Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to offer the training and education courses, either virtually or in person, in conjunction with the annual meetings of the judicial conferences. Effective January 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The AOC currently provides upwards of 15 hours of continuing legal education training to the relevant judges two or three times per year at the annual judicial conferences.
- According to AOC, the office can include the additional subject matter as required without an increase in expenditures.
- There will not be a significant increase in the number of attendees at the annual training sessions. As such, there will not be a significant increase in expenditures to AOC related to fees paid per attendee to the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education.
- Based on information provided by the AOC and the Court Clerks Association, any fiscal impact to the courts is estimated to be not significant.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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